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TARO HOUSUMI,
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Hongkong, 21st January, 1902. [10]

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T. H. WHITEHEAD,
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Hongkong, 9th July, 1901. [11]

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Bills discounted.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.
3% per Annum Fixed Deposits for 3 months.
4% " " 6 "
5% " " 12 "

E. W. RUTTER,

Manager.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1901. [12]

Intimations.

TAILORING DEPARTMENT.

WINTER SEASON.

RACING SEASON.

Scotch Tweeds, Angolas, Cashmeres, Serges, Harris Tweeds, Newmarket Coatings, Silk-warp Racing Breeches Material, Fancy Vestings, Khaki Serges, Improved Pigskin Puttee Leggings.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1901. [732c]

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A natural clear, sparkling and effervescent Mineral Water, bottled in its NATURAL CARBONIC Acid Gas of the Hirano Spring of Hiogo Ken, Japan. It mixes excellently with WINE or SPIRITS, and is PERMANENT IN QUALITY.

ANALYSIS PROVES ITS PURITY.
PATENT CORKING.

SIEMSSSEN & CO.,
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A and ABC, 4th Edition.

**E. C. WILKS & Co.,
MARINE ENGINEERS, SHIP CONTRACTORS
AND SURVEYORS.**

Collisions and Damages Surveyed for Insurance Companies, Ships' Agents and
Specifications Prepared.

Offices Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 8th November, 1901. [724c]

Intimations.

BEEF TEA versus BOVRIL.

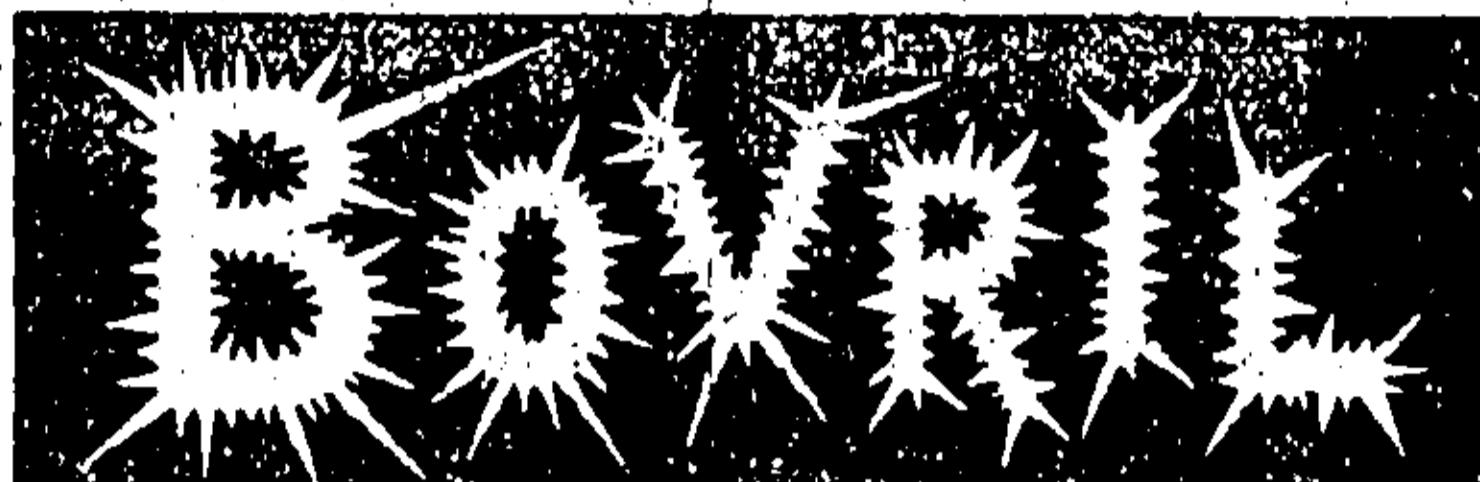
BEEF TEA.

"Were it possible to furnish the market, at a reasonable price, with a preparation of meat combining in itself the albuminous together with the extractive principles, such a preparation would have to be preferred to extractum carnis, for it would contain all the nutritive constituents of meat. I have before stated that in preparing the Extract of Meat the albuminous principles remain in the residue; they are most nutritive, and this is certainly a great disadvantage.

BARON LIEBIG,
Discoverer of Liebig's Extract, in
The Lancet, Nov. 17, 1865.

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Was invented to realise Baron von Liebig's desire for a meat food that would contain not only the stimulating properties of flesh—as all Meat Extracts and Beef Teas do—but also the nourishing properties of fat, which Meat Extracts and Beef Teas do not. This has been accomplished by first taking the extractive principles by the Liebig process (which is akin to home-made beef tea) and then adding albumen and fibre, procured from the flesh of other oxen roasted and finely ground to powder; the combination is Bovril. [287c]



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563c] N. INUZUKA, Manager, Hongkong.

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CH. LAROSE 11.00 12.00 15.00

CALIFORNIA \$4.50 \$5.00 \$8.00

ZINFANDEL 5.00 5.50 8.50

An allowance of SEVENTY FIVE cents per dozen is made for quarter bottles when returned to our godown. Special rates for Hogsheads.

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Intimations.



helps the Cook to cook
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There is more beef con-
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of any other food in the
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is the genuine
LIEBIG COMPANY'S EXTRACT.

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Hongkong, 7th January, 1902. [714c]

WILLIAM MACLEOD, D.D.S.,
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PORTLAND CEMENT.

\$5.50 per Cask of 375 lbs. Net ex Factory.
\$3.80 per Bag of 250 lbs.

SHEWAN, TOME & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 1st June, 1901. [10]

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VICTORIA CHAPTER,
No. 525, E.C.

A REGULAR CONVOCATION of the above CHAPTER will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on MONDAY, the 3rd February, at 8 for 8.30 p.m. Members are requested to notice the earlier hour of Meeting.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1902. [97d]

ZETLAND LODGE,
No. 525, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on SATURDAY, the 7th February, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1902. [112d]

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**HANDSOME BLACK IMITATION
CARACUL AND SEAL COATS**
VERY LATEST STYLES,
CLOTH CAPES AND JACKETS
IN GREAT VARIETY,
MOST FASHIONABLE SHAPES.
NEW DRESS GOODS FOR THE PRESENT
SEASON.

MILLINERY

will arrive by s.s. "Sanuki Maru" about 30th
January, Silks per s.s. "Bombay," 28th instant.

W.M. POWELL, Ltd.

Hongkong, 28th January, 1902.

To-day's Advertisements.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2
OF 1894, AND

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF
CONSTANT ELIET, ENGINEER OF 24,
RUE BELLE FONTAINE, LORIENT, IN
THE REPUBLIC OF FRANCE, FOR THE
EXCLUSIVE USE WITHIN THE COLONY
OF HONGKONG OF AN INVENTION FOR
"IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CON-
STRUCTION OF FLOORS, GIRDERS,
JOISTS, PARTITIONS, AND THE
LIKE FROM TRUSSLED BETON."

NOTICE is hereby given that the PETITION, SPECIFICATION AND DECLARATION required by the above-cited ORDINANCE have been duly filed in the Office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong, and that it is the intention of the said CONSTANT ELIET, to apply at the Sitting of the Executive Council hereinbefore mentioned for LETTERS PATENT for the Exclusive use within the said Colony of Hongkong of the said Invention.

And Notice is hereby also given that a Sitting of the Executive Council, before whom the matter of the said Petition will come for decision, will be held in the Council Chamber, at the GOVERNMENT OFFICES, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 11th day of February, 1902, at 11 A.M.

Dated the 25th day of January, 1902.

STEPHENS & THOMSON,
[123d] Solicitors for the Applicant.

NOTICE.

IMPORTANT NOTICE to business Gentlemen BOARD and RESIDENCE of a SUPERIOR QUALITY and the CHEAPEST RATES in Hongkong, No. 1, WILD DELI, completely rebuilt, painted and decorated.

ALL SINGLE ROOMS splendidly furnish with all necessities for comfort. BEST TABLE IN TOWN, Personally supervised by the Manageress.

A few Vacant Rooms on February 1st.

Gentlemen are invited to INSPECT THE HOUSE, good outlook, healthy and only a five cents ride from Hongkong Hotel, special arrangements for gentlemen having Tiffin in town.

* For Terms, apply to

MANAGERESS,
Office of Hongkong Telegraph,
or
No. 1, WILD DELI.
Hongkong, 29th January, 1902. [125d]

**INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY LIMITED.**

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship
"SUISANG."

Captain Tadd, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 4th February, at 2.30 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHEWS & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1902. [126d]

* NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"BOMBAY,"

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID,
SUEZ AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 2 p.m., TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 4th February, at 4 p.m. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognized.

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1902. [14]

To-day's Advertisements.

THE CHINA AND JAPAN TELEPHONE
AND ELECTRIC CO., LIMITED,
HONGKONG.

DURING my TEMPORARY ABSENCE
from Hongkong, dating from the 1st of
February, 1902, Mr. S. J. GODWIN will act as
MANAGER of this Company.

W. STUART HARRISON.
Hongkong, 29th January, 1902. [124d]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES,
PAQUEBOT-POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, PONDICHERY, MADRAS,
CALCUTTA, DJIBOUTI, EGYPT,
MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN
AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON,
HAVRE, BORDEAUX;

ALSO
PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON MONDAY, the 10th February, 1902,
at 1 P.M., the Company's Steamship
"LOAS," Captain Flandin, with Mails, Passen-
gers, Specie and Cargo, will leave this Port for
MARSEILLES, via Ports of Call, WITHOUT
TRANSHIPMENT.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London,
as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in
transit through Marseilles for the principal
places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon,
Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M.,
Specie and Parcels until 3 P.M., on the 9th
February. (Parcels are not to be sent on board;
they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Con-
tents and Value of Packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply at the Com-
pany's Office.

P. DE CHAMPORIN,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1902. [1004c]

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communication relating to Sub-
scriptions, Advertisements, &c., be addressed to "The Manager, Hongkong Telegraph" and not to the Editors.

Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor."

Communications intended for publication must be accom-
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for publication; but as evidence of good faith.

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be open for the fair discussion by correspondents of all ques-
tions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood
that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible
for opinions thus expressed.

Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & Co.,
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ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

SPECIALTIES FOR THE SEASON.

PORT & SHERRY,

OF THE FINEST QUALITY AND

VINTAGE.

CHAMPAGNE,

JULES MUMM & Co., a Wine for

Connoisseurs.

**WATSON'S
SCOTCH
WHISKY.**

COGNAC BRANDY,
QUALITY GUARANTEED.

CLARETS,

IMPORTED FROM THE BEST

GROWERS, AND INCLUDING

WINES FROM THE MOST CELE-

BRATED CHATEAUX.

CONFECTIIONERY,

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GREAT VARIETY. IMPORTED

FROM THE LEADING LONDON

AND PARISIAN HOUSES.

CIGARS AND CIGARETTES,

AND SMOKERS' REQUISITES,

&c., &c., &c.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.,
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

BIRTH:

On the 18th of January, at the Wesleyan
Mission, Hankow, to the Rev. H. B. and Mrs.
SUTTON, a son.

MARRIAGES.

On the 21st of January, at the Church of
our Saviour, Broadway, by the Rev. Benj. L.
Ancell, MARGARET, daughter of Mrs. Eliza
Macpherson, of Philadelphia, U.S.A., to Mr.
ALBERT OWEN LOOSLEY, of Ningpo.

On the 6th of January, CHARLES HUNT,

Imperial Maritime Customs, to EMMA LOUIZA,

daughter of L. J. Tandberg.

DEATH.

At No. 11, West End Lane, on the 2nd of
January, WINIFRED DOROTHY, beloved second
daughter of Benjamin and Fanny Wanless,
aged 9 years.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Post Office.

The Post Office is undoubtedly the
Government Department with which the
public has most to do. Everybody has letters to
dispatch or receive, and hence all take a
lively interest in the Post Office and the
manner in which it is conducted, for slackness
or ignorance in this most important
department must affect everybody's business.

When the late Captain HASTINGS took over
the Post Office complaints were numerous
of delay, slackness, &c., and he, in his well-
known, thorough manner did much to improve
matters. Then came Mr. Lewis, who had
had a long experience of post office
administration, and with his able help still
further improvements were made, until now
our Post Office has been improved out of
all recognition, yet there is still room for
further improvement.

The sad death of Captain HASTINGS has
rendered the post of Postmaster General
vacant and a successor to him will have to
be appointed. The post is one which is
usually given to a cadet, and this we think,
is a great mistake. The Post Office requires
a great amount of technical knowledge, which
no man who has had no previous experience
of post office work can possibly possess, and
hence the position should go by merit and not
by seniority. In other words we do not
want to have to suffer inconvenience while
some cadet, good man in other branches of
the service though he may be, blunders along
and makes mistakes, annoying both
the public and himself, in learning the
business which the cadet system fails to
teach him, but which, under that system, he
is supposed to already possess. The Post
Office must be run by a trained man on busi-
ness lines, and no cadet, be he never so
brilliant, can make a success of it unless he
has previously been through the mill.

We must say that we expected to see a
notification in Saturday's *Gazette* to the
effect that Mr. Lewis had been appointed
to the acting position. Such however, was
not the case. There is nothing whatever to
show who is at present controlling this most
important department. We trust that
this is merely an oversight and that Mr.
Lewis will not only be gazetted to the
acting position, but afterwards confirmed
in it. He is the man who was specially
appointed by the Colonial Authorities to
place our Post office on a proper footing. He
has had many years of experience of post office
work and administration in other Colonies,
and we have all seen that under his direction
matters have distinctly improved. It
will certainly be to the benefit of the
Authorities and the public generally if
matters are placed in his able hands, and we
hope to see the appointment given to him. He
is well suited to it and is far less likely to
blunder than a raw cadet who has had no
previous training.

Russia and Manchuria.

Every day that passes brings some fresh
news of Russia's intention of maintaining
a firm grip of Manchuria, and we presume
that, unless some very untoward check
crops up, she will eventually succeed.

The bribe of ten million taels together with
a life pension of a million taels per annum,
which a Chinese correspondent states to
have been offered by Russia to the Empress
Dowager's eunuch Li, for the engineering
of the Manchurian Convention by inducing
the Empress Dowager to consent thereto, is
certainly a princely sum. One would im-
agine that any man so keen on the amassing
of wealth as the eunuch in question is reported
to

HONGKONG PING-PONGITIS.

We learn that the first Hongkong Ping Pong Club has been inaugurated.—*Hongkong Telegraph*.
The man who in Hongkong resides,
And daily at its dullness chides,
May bid goodbye to sadness.
The Ping Pong club his time will claim,
And the distractions of the game
Will much augment his gladness.
—o—
No more he'll smart at Public Works,
Nor vow the "Board" it's duty shirks,
Nor curse the water fainries.
The wily ball of celluloid,
Will keep his mind as much devoid
Of care as any ganjin's.
—o—
He'll quarrel with his dearest friend,
Because the latter *will* pretend
The ball had touched the table,
He'll argue that he saw it fly,
And deem it no disgrace to lie
As hard as he is able.
—o—
And, when absorbed in counting "Deuce,"
To tell him would be little use,
The building is on fire.
He'll merely murmur "Vantage in!"
And with a gaily "Ping Pong grin,"
Hiss broadly "you're a l-i-r!"
—o—
When squirming under couch or chair,
He'll possibly forget to swear,
Or curse his pain rheumatic.
His legs might round his neck be twined,
He'll heed it not, so he can find.
That little sphere erratic.
—o—
The fairer sex, the Club will hold,
Enthralled in Ping Pong joys untold,
By bat and ball seductive.
And each, in tourney hot, will joy,
To see the scoring of her boy
Of constant "Love" productive.
—o—
But grander far, if in Hongkong,
The wild allurements of Ping Pong,
Their love for gossip-smother.
The club will not have lived for naught,
If by it's aid the sex be taught,
To lightly judge each other.
—o—
And yet, we sadly fear, that ball,
Will render deaf to virtue's call,
Each devotee excited.
No other form of exercise,
More apt is to demoralize,
Than this dread Pingpongitis.
—o—
For this the most important rule,
Insisted on by every school
— Of adepts of the racket;
Should there arise a point of doubt,
By ready with a face devout,
To tell a lie, and back it!"

DOLLY.

REVIEW.

BEFORE I FORGET; (Being the autobiography of A. Chevalier d'Industrie). By Albert Chevalier. London, T. Fisher Unwin.

It has grown to be the custom nowadays for everybody of any account—and a great many of no account whatever—to plunge into print and place their lives before the public. The latest to follow the fashion is Mr. Albert Chevalier, the father of the coster ballad, who tells the story of his life from the mature age of seven, up to the autumn of last year. Mr. Chevalier like many another singer, was not originally intended for the stage and commenced life as a clerk and afterwards drifted from the school-master's stool to the stage. As may be expected, he has many amusing experiences to relate, particularly regarding his experiences of America and yellow journalism. In fact his opinion of our American cousins is far higher than his opinion of their press, despite the fact that the latter was kind to him. On this subject he says:—"From the Press of America I received so much unqualified praise, that it may look like ingratitude to even recognise the existence of a section that is deplored by none more than by the cultured American journalist. Still, as I am recording my experiences, I may be forgiven if I do not allow the perfume of praise to obliterate all recollection of certain low-down thoms!"

On one occasion in New York Mr. Chevalier fell sick and could not appear. He gives the following account of what took place:—"No sooner had the doctor left me than I heard the front-door bell, and a voice announcing that "somebody wanted to see Mr. Chevalier." West was with me at the time, and he interviewed this "somebody," who turned out to be the above-mentioned *Press* representative. Through the folding doors, which separated my bed and sitting-room, I heard the following conversation:—

Press Rep. Can I see Mr. Chevalier?

West. I'm sorry to say you cannot.

Press Rep. I should verily much like to have a few words with him. I represent the New York—

West. I feel sure, if he could, Mr. Chevalier would be only too pleased to see any representative of the *Press*, but unfortunately he has been suddenly taken ill.

Press Rep. Yes, I know—I've been over to Koster and Bain's, I've heard all about it. I'm very sorry that he's sick.

West. He's very ill.

Press Rep. Sorry he's so sick. Can't I see him? I won't keep him five minutes.

West. I regret to say "No," but he must obey the doctor's orders.

Press Rep. Is he really so verily sick?

West. (somewhat irritably). He's seriously ill, I tell you. Temperature somewhere about 105°.

MESSRS. COTTAM & CO. for DRESS SHIRTS, TIES and WHITE KID GLOVES.

Press Rep. (after slight hesitation). Humph! Well, can't I see him to ask how he feels with his temperature at 105°?

I heard the front door slam as the anxious enquirer made his exit.

Mr. Chevalier has a great deal to say on the subject of the purification of the music halls, as will be seen by the following extract:—"I am, not narrow-minded. If certain *blase* individuals, with jaded palates, want spice, give it to them—let them wallow in it; but see that it is in a place set apart, not in a hall where each programme contains a dead-letter footnote, requesting the audience to report to the management anything objectionable in the entertainment. Let the prurient-minded have a hall to themselves. Call it the *Obscenity*, but for the sake of the Majority—the lovers of clean, wholesome amusement—make it an offence, punishable at law, for anyone to encroach on the prerogative of those engrossed in pandering to the tastes of the Dirty and Depraved!" There can be little doubt but that every clean-minded man will agree with Mr. Chevalier.

The usual repairs have been effected during the half year, and all the steamers are in good running order. The construction of a new steamer, somewhat similar to the *Fatshan*, but of greater speed, for the Hongkong-Canton service, on joint account with the China Navigation Company, is engaging the attention of the Board.

At the invitation of the Directors, subject to confirmation by the shareholders at this meeting, Mr. E. Goetz rejoined the Board upon his return to the Colony, Mr. Witkowski, who had occupied the vacant seat during the absence of Mr. Goetz, resigning.

The retiring Auditors, Messrs. A. O'D. Gourdin and F. Henderson, offer themselves for re-election.

We have compared the above statement with the Books, Vouchers, and Securities of the Company, and certify the same to be correct.

A. O'D. GOURDIN, F. HENDERSON, Auditors.

J. J. BELL-IRVING, Chairman, Hongkong, 21st January, 1902.

ASSETS.

December 31st, 1901.

Value of Steamers *Powwan*, *Honan*, *Heungshan*, *Lungshun*, *Wts* of *Fatshan* and *3rd of Nanning* and *Sainan* \$734,000.00

Value of Lighters *Sun Lee* and *Wo Lee* 11,000.00

Value of Wharves, Hulls, and Moorings 91,385.45

Value of Properties at Canton, Wuchow and Kongkun 45,049.57

Value of Coal, Stores, and Spare Gear 17,625.96

Value of Furniture 750.00

Value of Shares in Public Companies 70,173.00

Value of Chinese Bonds 1,034.48

Loans on Mortgage 842,500.00

Cash with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation 54,492.04

Interest accrued to date 2,141.93

Sundry Debtors 8,190.49

\$2,509,899.92

LIABILITIES.

December 31st, 1901.

Amount of Capital, 80,000 Shares of \$15 each, fully paid up \$1,200,000.00

Amount at Credit of Depreciation and Insurance Fund 600,000.00

Amount at Credit of Equalization of Dividend Fund 200,000.00

Amount at Credit of Investment Fluctuation Account 228,918.18

Unclaimed Dividends 23,831.50

Sundry Creditors 9,812.64

Amount at Credit of Profit and Loss Account 247,327.60

\$2,509,899.92

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Dr.

December 31st, 1901.

To Amount paid for Repairs to Steamers 34,959.45

To Subscription to Queen Victoria Memorial 250.00

To Directors and Auditors' Fees 3,250.00

To Balance, to be appropriated, viz:—

Dividend at 10 percent on \$1,200,000 \$120,000.00

To be written off book value of Steamers 50,000.00

To be carried to Equalization of Dividend Fund 50,000.00

To be carried to new account 27,327.60

\$247,327.60

Cr.

June 30th, 1901.

By Amount brought from last A/c 51,596.62

December 31st, 1901.

By Net Earnings of Steamers 172,568.60

By Amount realized by Sale of Steamer *Lungkhang* in excess of book value 6,940.69

By Interest on Investments 51,520.14

By Transfer Fees 161.00

\$282,787.05

DEPRECIATION AND INSURANCE FUND.

Dr.

December 31st, 1901.

To Balance \$600,000.00

\$600,000.00

Cr.

June 30th, 1901.

By Amount at Credit \$600,000.00

\$600,000.00

EQUALIZATION OF DIVIDEND FUND.

Dr.

December 31st, 1901.

To Balance \$200,000.00

\$200,000.00

Cr.

June 30th, 1901.

By Amount at Credit \$150,000.00

August 6th, 1901.

By Amount appropriated from Profit and Loss Account for Half Year ending 30th June, 1901, 50,000.00

\$200,000.00

E. & O. E.

Hongkong, 20th January, 1902.

T. ARNOLD,

Secretary,

We have compared the above Statement with the Books, Vouchers, and Securities of the Company, and certify the same to be correct.

A. O'D. GOURDIN, F. HENDERSON, Auditors.

J. J. BELL-IRVING, Chairman, Hongkong, 21st January, 1902.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

In view of the intimate connection between PLAGUE and RATS, the Sanitary Board invite the attention of Householders to the fact that RAT-CATCHERS supplied with necessary TRAPS, &c., will be sent to any Domestic Building which is infested with Rats upon application to the MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

By Order, G. A. WOODCUCK, Secretary, Sanitary Board, Hongkong, 28th December, 1901. [13d]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE undermentioned RACES for HORSES and PONIES not entered for any of the Official Events will form part of the Programme for the Off-day, to be run on a date to be fixed by the Stewards after the forthcoming Race Meeting.

For each event there must be at least Five Entrants in *hind side* separate interests or the race becomes void.

Entries will close to the Clerk of the Course on SATURDAY, the 1st February proximo.

The KOWLOON STAKES—For all Horses—Australians and English to carry st. 11, lbs. 12; Indian Country Breds st. 10, lbs. 12; At. lbs. st. 10.

Winner to receive \$250. Second \$50. Entrance \$10.

The OPEN STAKES—For all Ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under.

Australians and English to carry st. 11, lbs. 12; Indian Country Breds, Arabs and China Ponies st. 10, lbs. 4. Weight for inches allowance lbs. per quarter of an inch. Winner to receive \$250. Second \$50. Entrance \$10. Half-a-mile.

By Order, T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course, Hongkong, 23rd January, 1902. [13d]

HONGKONG, CANTON and MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SEVENTY-FIRST ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on TUESDAY, the 4th February, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, confirming the appointment of a Director, and electing Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 22nd January, to 4th February, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, T. ARNOLD, Secretary, Hongkong, 14th January, 1902. [13d]

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 14, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 11th February, 1902, at 12 o'clock

OUR LONDON LETTER.

(From our own Correspondent.)

LONDON, December 27th.

THE LIVERPOOL TRAIN ACCIDENT threw rather a gloom over the earlier Christmas festivities, but the discovery that fewer lives were lost than had at first been feared has caused the unfortunate occurrence to be already half forgotten, except in the immediate neighbourhood, and among those who were bereaved by an accident of which the origin is still a little uncertain. It is supposed that a fuse became detached and the strong wind blowing through the tunnel at the time caused the fire to spread with extraordinary rapidity. Not only was the train burnt and the permanent way partially destroyed, but considerable damage was done in the tunnel and the station was practically gutted. The London electric railway is run on somewhat different lines to those in favour in Liverpool, and the Directors have made known that a similar accident could not occur on it. Six lives were lost at Dingwell.

THE WAR NEWS

has been far more ample this week, both as to Lord Kitchener's reports and the messages which correspondents and news agencies have been permitted to cable home. The process of attrition proceeds apace, about five hundred Boers were put out of action last week and the six fights of which the last three days have brought word will account for another two hundred. Our own casualties have been most unfortunately severe, and include the commanding officer of the Scottish Horse and other dashing men who can ill be spared at a time when energetic young soldiers, willing and ready to take responsibilities, are so badly needed.

The present system of small columns involves an unusually large number of commands, any one of which may, in some districts, at any moment become the point of contact with a mobile enemy. But our losses, grievous as they are, and entailing much suffering as they do, are, apart from the person itself, of anything like the same importance to us as similar reductions in the numbers of their fighting units elsewhere. Fifteen thousand fresh men go out to Africa before the 15th January to relieve the regiment which have borne the worst of the campaign and to fill the ranks decimated by disease and wounds; but the enemy have no reserves to fall back upon, other than the famous lies of Dr Leyds, and the weary reiteration of untruths by the *Daily News*.

SCHEEPERS,

whose trial was in progress last week, has broken down in health, and is now in hospital. Some anxiety is felt lest pity for his physical condition should induce the Authorities to pardon him altogether, notwithstanding the fact that thirty charges of murder and brutal outrage are outstanding against him. Such a course would, in the opinion of returned officers, be most injurious, in view of the fact that a better appreciation of the British determination to put down violence is beginning to be felt amongst the better class of burghers.

Kritzinger is also to be tried for murder, and the statement has been made, but not yet officially confirmed, that Botha has notified Lord Kitchener that in the event of the death sentence being passed upon him, he (Botha) will shoot the five British officers at the present time prisoners in his hands.

THE CONCENTRATION CAMPS

are in the course of removal, a proceeding regarded generally with disfavour by those with knowledge of South Africa; who argue that if we could indeed have acted with greater humanity towards the women and children we should have done so in the first instance and spontaneously; but if we are only able to move the camps at the sacrifice of our military advantages, then we are ill-advised to take that course purely out of consideration for those misguided people, at home and on the Continent, who consider it their whole duty to abuse everything English. Perhaps the most conclusively favourable criticism which has been passed upon the camp is that of Mr. Kruger, who observed a day or two ago, when the orders were promulgated, that he was sorry they were to be abandoned as "they hampered the British so much" and interfered with the burghers not all.

The number of Boers now

FIGHTING ON OUR SIDE

is not regarded by all military men with satisfaction. One who held an important Staff appointment, which involved much contact with civilian Boers and natives, informs me that the danger of razing these surrendered Burghers is, in his opinion, gravely underestimated, and likely to lead one day to a terrible disaster, should a suitable opportunity for betraying the British occur. It is, however, only fair to notice on the other side what excellent work has been done by the National Scouts, a regiment composed entirely of Boers who, having surrendered and taken the oath of allegiance themselves, are now anxious to see the fighting come to an end.

THE PERSIAN GULF DIFFICULTY

is little spoken of, but seems as far off settlement as ever, the rumour was received on Christmas Eve that Russia purposed to take possession of Bandar Abbas, but it is impossible to arrive at any firm ground on the subject. The Foreign Office is at the moment not available to enquirers, and even after the holidays I make no doubt that the usual "regret to have no information" will be the official reply. Among business men with interests in the Gulf, and among Anglo-Indians, the report is discounted. It is pointed out by the former that Bandar Abbas would be commercially useless to Russia, as it would not form a suitable terminus to the projected railway across Persia, if that undertaking is indeed really in contemplation. As a naval

trip are a matter for doubt, for he must have expended twelve dollars at least in purchasing provisions and paying the freight. For twenty-five dollars he could have bought a steampacket ticket. Beck had three marks in his pocket-book. It is believed as most likely that the scheme was intended to get him past the immigrant authorities. If he recovers he will be deported.

G. GIRAUT: NOVELTIES BEAUTIFUL DOLLS, PLEASING PARLOUR GAMES, CROQUET, &c., &c.

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In view of the commercial rapprochement foreshadowed between the two countries as a result of the German tariff war, there seems every probability of a genuine effort on the part of the ministers of the Czar to overcome the Kowloon difficulty in a friendly manner. The agricultural deputation sent from St. Petersburg has been warmly entertained in this country, visiting, amongst other objects of special interest to their mission, the King's famous farms at Windsor and Sandringham, where they were sumptuously entertained at His Majesty's expense. Now the Russian newspapers are inviting British manufacturers and exporters to take advantage of the customs war between their country and Germany, which it is anticipated may last two or three years. The difficulty with English firms appears to be to find agents of their own nationality, who are also efficient in business knowledge, languages and so forth. Nine times out of ten foreigners are employed, with results most unfortunate to British trade.

The death of

MR. ONSLOW FORD, R.A., from pneumonia, at the early age of 49, came as a surprise on Christmas Eve, not only to the world of Art, wherein every man was his friend, but also to society at large. Mr. Ford had modelled in marble and stone the busts of more distinguished persons than any other living English sculptor. One of the first public statues of the late Queen, that which adorns the great square in Manchester, was his work; and so truthful was the likeness that Her Majesty had, a small sized model of the larger work made for her own possession, which is now much treasured by the King. The statue of Gladstone in the National Liberal Club, and that of General Gordon at Chatham "were among his best works". Mr. Ford had been in uncertain health for a long time and had not the vital strength to make a successful stand against the sudden onslaught of disease.

THE IMPERIAL INSTITUTE.

At a meeting of the Governors of the Imperial Institute this week, it was decided to hand over the foundation to the State. The Institute, although financially in a good position, has not been quite the success that was expected by those who were instrumental in its establishment. An immense amount of Imperial information of every kind is obtainable at the Institute, but outside of the hundred or so fellows it is very little known in its aspect of Empire binder. A dozen old gentlemen use the building as a club, a small proportion of the general public attend the lectures, open-free to the whole world, but otherwise the Institute is but a name to Londoners, and Colonials forgether there not at all. In a word the movement, the root idea, is admirable, but the principle of life is absent.

WELL DONE!

Speaking of Greater Britain reminds me that when the Colonial subscriptions to the Queen's Memorial Fund were published the other day Hongkong was easily first, which, considering relative sizes and population, is a great feather in her cap.

HAMBURG TO NEW YORK IN A PACKING CASE.

STOWAWAY'S REMARKABLE BERTH.

"Wasser! Wasser!" repeated pitifully, struck the ears of a longshoreman unloading bags of salt from the hold of the Hamburg American liner *Palatin*, which arrived at New York recently from Hamburg. The sounds, more like moans than words, came from an ordinary drygoods box, in which Johann Beck, a painter, of Hamburg, had stowed himself away in order to get to America, and for sixteen days he had been penned up, for the last part of the time without food or drink. The correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph*, who sends the story, says that Beck is now in the hospital, and may die or lose his reason.

The case in which Beck lay was 6ft. by 3ft. 4ft., and was manifested as containing a model and marked in German "This side up" and "With care". At one end was an old leather valise stuffed with socks and under shirts. This was his pillow. The bottom of the case was strewn with hay to a depth of 4in., covered with barley, and this formed the bed. A thick, long overcoat served as a coverlet. Two dozen soda-water bottles filled with sweetened coffee were ranged along the sides. What provisions Beck had taken with him is not known. His condition indicated several days of fasting.

In the box were also an umbrella, a high hat, some books, paper, envelopes, and a packet of letters from his sweetheart. Beck had his case shipped as express freight, under which classification the company was bound to keep it near the top of the cargo, where it would be among the first things unloaded. Beck had friends in his confidence, for an express wagon twice called at the pier to ask for a case marked "J. Beck". A well-dressed man also made inquiries. The *Palatin's* trip was an unusually long one, and it is surmised that Beck exhausted his stock of provisions some days ago, and went crazy through lack of food, for some of his bottles still contained coffee.

His motives for undertaking this torturing trip are a matter for doubt, for he must have expended twelve dollars at least in purchasing provisions and paying the freight. For twenty-five dollars he could have bought a steampacket ticket. Beck had three marks in his pocket-book. It is believed as most likely that the scheme was intended to get him past the immigrant authorities. If he recovers he will be deported.

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